



## JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

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# End of Session Review

## Two bills passed containing pension-related provisions in the 2016 legislative session.

At the conclusion of the 2016 Legislative Session of the Missouri General Assembly, two pension-related bills were Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed. Both bills, HB 1443 and SB 585, have been signed into law by Governor Nixon. Two statewide pension systems are directly affected by the passage of these two bills: LAGERS and MOSERS.

### HB 1443 (Leara) – Signed by the Governor

Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS);  
Political subdivisions that have joined LAGERS and also operate a prior pension plan.

- Permits a political subdivision that has joined LAGERS and also operates a prior pension plan to enter into an agreement with the LAGERS board of trustees to transfer the duties and responsibilities of operating the prior pension plan to LAGERS.

### SCS/SB 585 (Wasson) – Signed by the Governor with an emergency clause

Missouri State Employees Retirement System

- Judicial Circuit bill. Transfers Taney County from the 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to the newly created 46<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.
- Provides that judicial court employees, who are employees of a multi-county circuit that becomes a single-county circuit, will continue to be state employees and receive MOSERS-covered retirement benefits.

In total, 41 pension-related bills were filed. Provisions that did not pass the General Assembly would have affected multiple systems, including: CERF, CURP, Judicial Retirement System, Kansas City PSRS, LAGERS, MOSERS, MPERS, PACARS, PEERS, PSRS, PSRS-St. Louis, St. Louis Employees, and St. Louis Police.

Other legislation that did not pass would have impacted all public pension plans in Missouri, including the following: revisions to the felony/pension forfeiture law passed in 2014; changes to investment policies of the state relating to investments in companies that have active business operations in countries designated as state sponsors of terrorism; modification of criteria used to

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In the 2016 legislative session, 583 Senate bills were introduced and 1,457 House bills were introduced.


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declare a plan delinquent; and requirements that plans provide certain financial information to plan participants in an annual statement.

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In response to the growing concern about the fiscal integrity of Missouri's public employee retirement systems (PERS) in 1983 the First Regular Session of the 82nd General Assembly passed legislation creating a permanent pension review and oversight body, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER). Prior to the creation of the committee there was no one place where information concerning these plans was gathered, analyzed and recorded. The committee consists of six senators appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. The JCPER governing statutes require that the committee shall:

- Make a continuing study and analysis of all state and local government retirement systems and report annually to the General Assembly;
- Devise a standard reporting system to obtain data on each public employee retirement system that will provide information on each system's financial and actuarial status at least biennially;
- Determine from its study and analysis the need for changes in statutory law; Make any other recommendations to the General Assembly necessary to provide adequate retirement benefits to state and local government employees within the ability of taxpayers to support their future costs.

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